



National Transportation Safety Board

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Office of Marine Safety

Interview Summary

Date: February 11, 2007

Location: On board M/V Kition; Baton Rouge, LA

Person Interviewed: Nelson Detuyatu, Helmsman

Interview Conducted By: W.R. Woody

Mr. Detuyatu was interviewed concerning the collision of the M/V Kition with the bridge pier of the I-10 highway bridge at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which occurred on February 10, 2007. (DCA07FM013) The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation. It has been developed from my handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Mr. Detuyatu was provided a copy of the interview summary for review.

INTERVIEW

Mr. Detuyatu stated that he was the helmsman when the ship departed the dock at Baton Rouge, LA on February 10, 2007. This was his first time at this dock. He recalled the following helm orders: Port 20 (still along side dock)

Midships

Starboard 20

Hard starboard

Midships (after the collision)

He stated that he was receiving all orders from the pilot and that he experienced no problems hearing the pilot or responding to his orders.

Personal Information: Mr. Detuyatu, age 28, was from Cavite, Republic of the Philippines. He had been going to sea for 6 years and had served on the M/V Kition for three years. He stated that he has lots of experience steering in the Mississippi River.

END OF INTERVIEW

W. R. Woody
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